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Women's Club Will Enter National Contest

Building of a kitchen addition to the Joshua Tree Community Hall will be the project with which the Women's Club hopes to win a prize in a national contest, reports Mrs. Frank Cook, president of the local group. Entry blanks will be completed and forwarded this week, she said. Mrs. John Koeneman of San Bernardino, president of the County Federation, has written the Joshua Tree Club complimenting the members on their project. She also purchased one of the $10 notes by which the Club is financing the project.

The contest to build better communities throughout the United States has been launched by the General Federation of Women's Clubs. "The purpose of the contest," said Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, "is to encourage community leaders to develop community improvement programs." The Kroger Company, which operates retail food stores in the Middle West and South, is cooperating with the Federation by providing $60,000 in prizes to the winning clubs.

The project was announced by Mrs. Buck at a recent luncheon in Washington at which Vice President Barkley was the speaker.

Clubs entering the contest will be judged on the basis of their project's value to the community, on thoroughness of organization, effort expended, results obtained, and the quality of the clubs' report on their community service activities.

Although the contest will run from January 15, 1949 to January 15, 1950, women's clubs have until April 1, 1949 to enter. The clubs will be divided into three classes on the basis of size, so that large clubs will not have an advantage over small clubs. There will be prizes of $5,000, $3,000 and $2,000 for the three national winners in each classification. There will also be an added $5,000 prize for the club whose project is judged best in the entire country.

The General Federation listed eight classifications in which a majority of the projects will probably fall. They include health, youth, education and culture, fine arts, conservation and beautification, safety, housing and government.

The Forward O. P.

I can now boast that I am a qualified "cow poke." Last week I was initiated into the fraternity with a ride on Bill Pace's buckin' horse at his unique establishment in Yucca Valley. In deference to my aging and brittle frame Bill didn't make his contraption buck too hard, I'll admit.

As predicted in this column a few weeks ago the turkey industry is responsible for a big increase in local business activity. And five will get you ten that the surface hasn't even been scratched. If you need confirmation just ask the Journal advertisers. Local business firms are cooperating whole heartedly with ranch owners.

More Building At Sun Valley

Construction of a large brooder house on the Gilman and Haynes ranches at Sun Valley marked a continuance of building activity in the nearby turkey growing center last week. George Bloom had a crew of men busy with hammers and saws on the 18 by 50 foot brooder house. Early next week the first shipment of poults is expected by Arthur Haynes who spent the weekend inspecting his ranch progress.

The Allen Stepps traded their ranch and brooder house for the Pellow ranch with its modern desert home and moved in on the weekend. Russ Pellow, it was reported, will start a residence on the former Stepp ranch.

The brooder house on the D. V. Smith ranch is nearly completed and the Kings are expecting to start poults on their ranch late this week. Abel Terrazas has added another brooder house on his place. The Weygolds and the Monteiths are continuing their building activity as are Harmon and Frye. The framework was up for the 120 foot brooder house at the Schroeder ranch.

Flocks at the Briggs-Peterman and the Kroes-Halstead ranches are developing satisfactorily.

At the Pontius ranch east of Sun Mesa drilling on a water well was started last week by Suffdy and Wheeler. A road through the property has been graded and construction of brooder houses started.

Interest in this desert area for turkey raising is continually growing, according to Chester Bunker, who with Forrest Summers, is developing the Sun Valley ranches.

Public Welcomes Play Center

Representatives of all civic organizations and a good share of Joshua Tree's population turned out for the opening of Eddy and Jacks Amusement Center last Wednesday night. Everything was "on the house" as Jack Crane and Ed Baldwin greeted their friends. Sandwiches relishes, beer, soft drinks and coffee were served from 7 p.m. until 'way past midnight.

The shuffleboard game was the scene of many spirited contests and both pool tables were in constant use. All evening long the hall was filled with players, spectators and conversational groups. Since the opening Eddy and Jacks has been a popular spot in which to spend a casual hour or so.

Col. Moore Retired by Army

Col. Edmund B. Moore of Los Angeles and Joshua Tree last week received orders placing him on the retired list of the Army of the United States effective June 29, 1948, with retired pay under provisions of Public Law 810. Col. Moore is one of the first reserve officers of long service to benefit by this new legislation.

Early in Joshua Tree history Col. Moore became a property owner and his attractive cottage "Back of the Moon" on Easterly Drive commands a view of the community that he has chosen as his future home. The Colonel has been a great desert booster ever since he served as Ordnance Department representative on the Desert Warfare Board at Camp Young during the training of General George S. Patton Jr.'s armored forces.

Col. Moore has held a commission in the Army Reserve since 1917 when he was appointed a First Lieutenant in the Ordnance Department. Before this he had four years of enlisted service with the National Guard in his home state of Vermont. He has held every rank from private to Colonel with the exception of Second Lieutenant.

His active service included three years in World War I and five years in World War II. He was called to active duty again in October 1948 but failed to pass the rigid physical requirements. A mechanical Engineer by profession Col. Moore was responsible for manufacture at Midvale Steel Co. and delivery of the first and only trainload of 8 inch howitzers to reach General Pershing in France in 1918. In World War II Col. Moore was responsible for proof-firing, testing and approving American artillery, Sherman tanks and anti-aircraft guns at Erie Porving Grounds. He served as

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Bunker-Summers Co. Adds Brokers

A. S. Vandenberg of Santa Ana and C. E. McDonnell of Joshua Tree, licensed real estate brokers, will represent the Bunker-Summers Land Co. in their respective areas it was announced Sunday by Chester R. Bunker, president.

Vandenberg will maintain offices in Long Beach, Santa Ana and Orange county cities. He was at Rancho Sun Valley Sunday on a tour of inspection of the turkey ranches with Land Co. officials.

C. E. McDonnell recently established his home in Joshua Tree and will have his office headquarters at Rancho Sun Valley.

Rummage Sale Adds to Women's Club Fund

A rummage sale scheduled for Saturday was extended for two more days by the Joshua Tree Women's Club. The Hendricks building on Center street resembled a well stocked department store when the ladies had finished arranging the great quantities of clothing, linens and bric-a-brac that were contributed. A bake sale was held in connection with the rummage mart. Ways and Means chairman Helen Gerhard was in charge of the sale.

Assisting Mrs. Gerhard were Mrs. Ray Rees, Mrs. Harry Chittock, Mrs. Henrietta Pepper, Mrs. William Longshaw, Mrs. Flo Magill, Mrs. Jeff Overbay, Mrs. Frank Cook, Mrs. Meredith Willey and Miss Norma Ojala. Cakes and coffee were contributed by Mrs. B B. Wilds, Mrs. Guy Peterson, Mrs. Ray Rees, Mrs. Meredith Willey and Mrs. William Longshaw. A substantial sum was added to the treasury of the Club, states Mrs. Gerhard.

Construction Starts On Church

Construction of the Joshua Tree Community Church was started late last week when Contractor Wright of Stone, Wright and Sons of Desert Hot Springs set up foundation lines for the new building. Materials for the frame and stucco chapel were moving to the site early this week and it was expected that crews would form and pour the foundations within the week. Several local men have been employed by the contractors.

Dr. D. C. Williams was in Joshua Tree last week conferring with local church officials. Funds raised by resident members have been augmented by additional monies from the parent church.

Scout District Plans Finance Drive

"Kickoff Meetings" for Joshua Monument District's Boy Scout finance drives will be held during the week of March 14. This announcement was made today by John Duncan of Joshua Tree, District Finance Chairman.

The money raising effort will take place in Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, Pioneer Town, and Morongo Valley. The funds raised will be a share of the Arrowhead Area Council's 1949 Budget of $28,000.

First result of the successful conclusion of the pending drives will be employment of an Additional Field Executive for the Council Staff. The new worker will be assigned exclusively to the desert districts of the Council, it is reported by District Chairman Joseph Wasserburger of Twentynine Palms. Mr. Wasserburger pointed out that this move will mean increased Council service to Cub Packs, Scout Troops, and Senior Units in this immediate area. The Field Executive will be a regular visitor to this section and will assist with training volunteer leaders, planning interesting programs, and extending Scouting to all boys of Joshua Monument District.

At a meeting of the District Committee held last Wednesday evening in the Joshua Tree Community Hall Dan Henry of Los Angeles explained Scout financing methods. Attending the forum were Joseph Wasserburger and Frank Bagley of Twentynine Palms; D. F. Geil, Al Livingstone, D. F. Secrist, E. Eavers and Tom Hobgood of Morongo Valley; Curt Bush and Bill Bridge of Pioneertown and John Duncan and Ken Stockwell of Joshua Tree.

Wilson A. Grace, Cub Master of San Bernardino, exhibited and explained handicraft work of the Cubs to another group. His hearers included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheeler, Mrs. Lloyd Wiser, William Longshaw, Venice Hoover, Harold Jost and Herb Longshaw of

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Editor on Com.

Gerald McMillen, Joshua Journal editor, last week was advised by George A. Herz, president of the National Orange Show, of his appointment to the Advisory committee of the annual citrus exposition. With Mrs. McMillen he will attend a dinner given for members of the board of directors and advisory committee at tthe Orange Show cafeteria in San Bernardino on Thursday evening.

Mining Council Plans Area Meeting

Officials of Twentynine Palms Chapter of the Western Mining Council are planning to entertain at least 300 members at a regional meeting to be held in Yucca Valley on April 10th. Principal objective of local members is the opening to mining of the Joshua Tree National Monument under the same regulations now operating in Death Valley National Monument. Proponents of the plan are confident that its operation will bring mineral development with resultant increased payrolls to this area They also believe it will promote tourist interest in the Monument.

The Personal Touch

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook acquired a new daughter-in-law last week when their son, Frank W. Cook and Miss Dotothy Albert Husband, daughter of Mrs. Grace Husband of Spokane, Washington, were married in that city. The young couple will make their home in Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robb of Los Angeles spent the weekend in Joshua Tree visiting the Roy Wheelers.

P. B. Lewis, Sun Mesa tract manager, is boasting that he had to trim the lawn at the tract office on Washington's birthday. The grassy plot of which Lewis is justly proud is the envy of all desert home owners who like a touch of green around the house.

Earl T. Crane, training officer with the Veterans Administration in Los Angeles, was a Journal office visitor last Tuesday.

"Aunt May" Hibbard returned to Joshua Tree last Saturday to recuperate from a serious illness. She is staying at Desert Air Lodge, her former home. Accompanying her were Dr. and Mrs. Clair Browne of Pasadena. "Aunt May's" sister, Mrs. Leonora Day of Los Angeles will be with her for several days.

Sunday guests at the Gerald McMillens were Col. and Mrs. J. T. Roberts and son, Tomas of Beverly Hills. Col. Roberts commands the 13th Armored Division, a reserve unit of the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester V. Peterman spent the weekend at their Sun Valley trailer home.

Visiting the C. O. Petersons for the weekend was his grandson, Charles Garth Peterson of Salt Lake Ctiy.

The new car population of Joshua Tree increased last week. Mrs. Edwin Dingle was seen in a new Buick Super convertible. The Venice Hoovers are driving a Maroon Ford sedan, and Charles Conkey is sporting a green ditto.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Warren of Laguna Beach were Journal office visitors on Sunday. They were looking for a five acre Government lease.

Perry Dutton of Rancho Sun Valley celebrated his birthday last Sunday. In his honor Mrs. Dutton served a birthday cake and coffee to a group of friends in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stokes of Riverside, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cooper of Inglewood and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jchnson of Glendale weekended at Neffs Motel. The Johnsons own property in Joshua Tree.

Former residents who spent the weekend in Joshua Tree renewing old friendships were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Below and "Doc" and Gladys Ford. "Doc" is drilling oil wells and Dewey owns a sporting goods shop in Encinitas.

Thirty members of the Sun Valley Club held their business meeting and enjoyed refreshments at the Guy Peterson home in Joshua Tree last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Snider and Lee Snider of Santa Ana were weekend guests at Roy Wiblishousers foothill home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hendricks, former owners of Fred and Sammies Market, returned last Thursday to make their home again in Joshua Tree. They have been in Paso Robles for the past few months. Both are feeling fine and say they are glad to get back to the desert among old friends.

Mrs. Edythe Fraetis spent Monday in San Bernardino and Riverside.

The Honeydrippers music was enjoyed by forty dancers at the Sportsmans' dance last Saturday night. The spectators were treated to exhibitions by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wagner and a specialty by H. Monroe Norris.

Mrs. Ethel Trout of Joshua Tree and Louis Werner of San Bernardino were married in San Bernardino on February 16th, they announced last Sunday. The bridegroom is employed in the county seat metropolis.

Jerry Trout, son of Mrs. Ethel Trout Werner, is having a rough time eating these days. His jaw was broken in a scuffle at school and it is now wired together. Jerry goes to Palm Springs several times a week for observation and treatment.

Brother of Joshua Woman Passes

Hugh F Delany, former Joshua Tree resident and property owner, died on February 22 in Riverside hospital after a brief illness. He was a brother of Mrs. Charles Peterson of this community. Funeral services were held at Utter-McKinley Chapel with Rev. A S. Reitz officiating. Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

In 1944 Mr. Delany and his sister camped out on the property at Mountain View and Park Boulevard until completion of the home that Mrs. Peterson now occupies. In 1945 Mr. Delany and his family moved to Riverside.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, Laura, daughter Dorothy, two sons, Hugh Jr., and Warren and three grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers.

Assn. to Hear Red Cross Speaker

Reverend Joseph Easter of Twentynine Palms will launch the Red Cross drive in Joshua Tree with a talk before members of the Joshua Tree Community Association at its regular meeting in the Community Hall tonight at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Hillard Lafferty, Joshua Tree Red Cross chairman, will name her assistants who will canvass local residents in the campaign to raise funds.

The regular business session of the Association will be concerned with civic affairs.

Col. Moore Retired by Army

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Ordnance officer of the 59th C. A. C. and later in the same capacity with a Divisional Task Force. He was on the staff and Faculty of the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Col. Moore formerly contributed to Journal with his thought-provoking column "New Horizons." He is a real estate broker and has long been active with the Bunker-Summers Land Co.

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Yucca Valley Notes

June LeMert Paxton has just returned to her cabin in Yucca Valley after spending two weeks with her daughter, Evelyn, in the city. She says that the Hollywood Freeway is just missing their home by a few city-lots.

Dr. Thomas B. Sowell announces that he is moving his office this week into his home on Cherokee Trail in Yucca Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gross of Hollywood are moving this week into their home on Paxton Road east of Yucca Valley. The new home was constructed by V. L. Hoover, Joshua Tree builder. Mr. Gross for many years conducted a meat market in the film capital.

A large number of members enjoyed the potluck dinner at the regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Community Club last Wednesday evening. Dr. Thomas B. Sowell was the speaker.

Jackie Horton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Horton, is in Redlands Community Hospital as a result of a broken leg received when she fell from a bicycle. Last week a silver plate was inserted above the left knee to facilitate recovery.

Recent weekend visitors at the Weston home were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Adams of Perris Valley. They also visited Mrs. Janet Olwell of near Yucca Mesa.

Mrs. Murray Moorhead of Wilmar came out for a short time a week ago Saturday night, to visit her property, her first trip for about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Richards of Orange spent a recent weekend in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hinshaw of Long Beach, local property owners, called at the Myers home a recent weekend and attended the Community Club dance Saturday night.

Walter A. Harrell returned last week after spending several weeks in Banning.

A 7 lb. 15 oz. boy, named Michael Monroe was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rice of Santa Ana on Monday, Feb. 14th. The proud dad is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rice of Yucca Valley. He is with the U. S. Marines, stationed at El Toro Marine Base.

Bill Royal and Barney Copley have just completed assessment work on their mining claim, known as the United Producer, northwest of Yucca Valley, in the San Bernardino Mining District. Recent returns from the assayer's office have surpassed fondest hopes. Pending road construction, operations are temporarily at a standstill, according to reports.

Barney Copley is completing his home in Sky Corral Estates, the Silas S. Stanley subdivision, after a slowdown due to the recent heavy snows.

Miss Jane Wilson of Los Angeles was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Witting of Joshua Forest Estates.

Raymond Royal has been seen beating out the dents on his car, caused by a minor accident at Indio last week.

Weekend guests recently at the Bob Ferry home were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Hawarth and aunt, Grace Stevens of San Gabriel.

Among the recent guests at Yucca Rest Court were: Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkinson and family of Temple City; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown of Alhambra. While in the valley they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright; Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Crabbe and daughter of Long Beach, who called on their long-time friends, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Lovely and daughter, Beverly Ann.

Mrs. E. D. Levy returned a week ago Sunday from a five day trip to her home in Los Angeles, during which time she visited friends and attended several parties.

Mr. H. E. Thornburgh of Yucca Valley, and Mrs. Eleanor Frock of North Hollywood were united in marriage at Yuma, Arizona on Dec. 29th, it was announced last week. The couple will make their home at Mr. Thornburgh's village residence, which will undergo enlargement this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Webb are proud grandparents again. A son was born on Feb. 24th to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ennis of Los Angeles. The boy, yet unnamed, was born in an L. A. Hospital and tipped the scales at 7 lbs.

Yucca Barber Shop Changes Hands

Announcement was made Monday of last week of the sale of the Yucca Barber Shop, established and operated by Charles Shipley in the postoffice building, to Ben March of Hollywood, who took over operation of the shop on Feb. 21st. The Marshes are living in their trailer back of the shop, Mr. Marsh told your reporter he planned to be on the job every day and invites everyone to visit his place of business.

Bunco Party Benefits PTA

Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. Roy Pifer was hostess at a bunco party in her home for the benefit of the Yucca Valley PTA. Mrs. Thomas B. Sowell was first prize winner and the consolation prize was awarded Mrs. M. V. Jeffcott. Coffee and cake were served after the games. Another party for the benefit of the PTA will be given at the Pifer residence on March 10th at 2 P.M.

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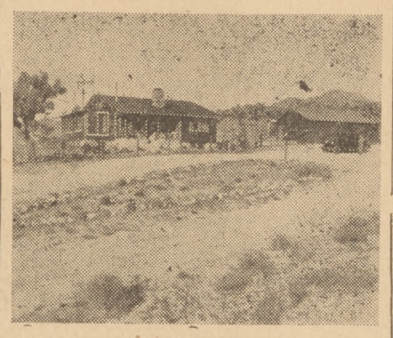
Another important highlight of the medical profession's plan, recently suggested for congressional action, is a proposal for a Federal Department of Health headed by a doctor of medicine with cabinet rank to coordinate and integrate all health activities, except in the armed forces. Medical research, new medical and hospital facilities, public health education and provision for care and rehabilitation of the aged are other points in the program.

Meanwhile, the socializers, led by Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, demand a politically-controlled system of compulsory health insurance.

However, American medical care and standards, the finest in the world, are predicated on the free practice of medicine. With the positive AMA program for making this care available to all, voluntarily, and on a pre-paid basis, there is no need for compulsory health insurance. In the interest of the Nation's health, it is to be hoped Congress votes for the voluntary way—against the compulsory way.

Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON



THE JOSHUAS

IN DREAMING THERE IS FORGETFULNESS

The light from the street-lamp filters in through the half-closed Venitian blinds. Night-noises of the city have quieted down into a low rumble. Half awake I turn restlessly back and forth on my bed trying to avoid getting wide awake. Just when I think I am succeeding, a series of sirens pierce the midnight air.

In that state of half-wakefulness, I wonder if the noises emanate from fire trucks, ambulances, or police cars. Round and round they seem to travel,—then gradually fade out into the night. Still trying to avoid waking up, I wonder about those noises. Why are they coming so near my cabin? And why have I not heard them before?

But now I am fully awake! The light from the street-lamp still shines in through the half-closed Venitian blinds. I realize I am not in my cabin. No, I am down in a big city, on a little side-street near a busy boulevard!

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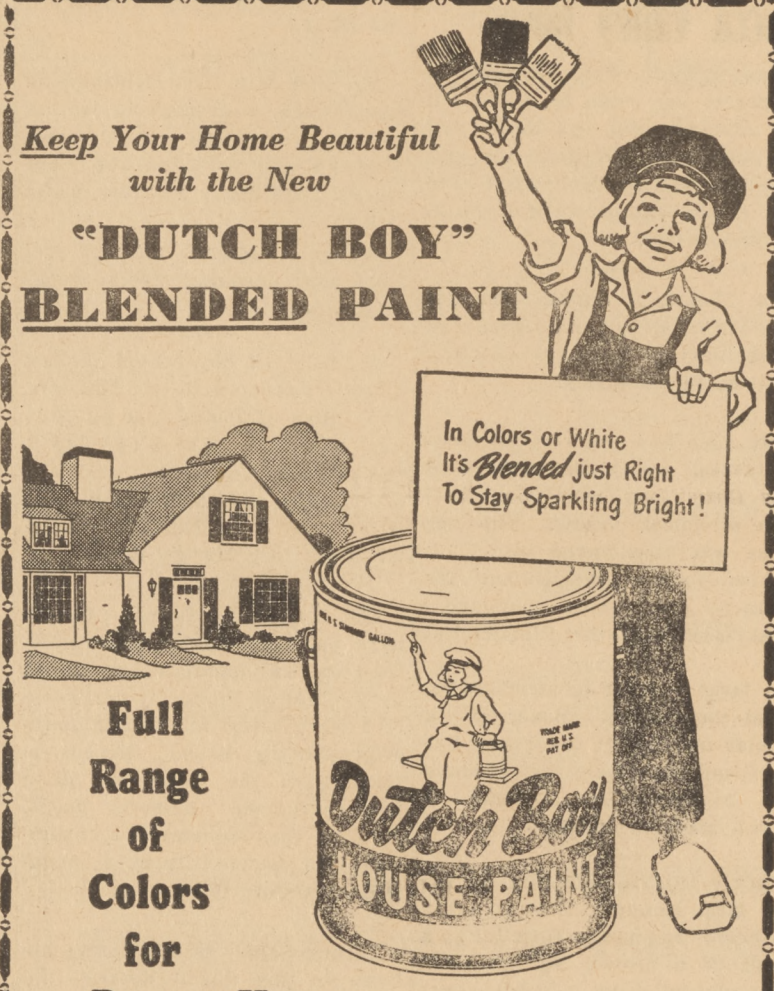

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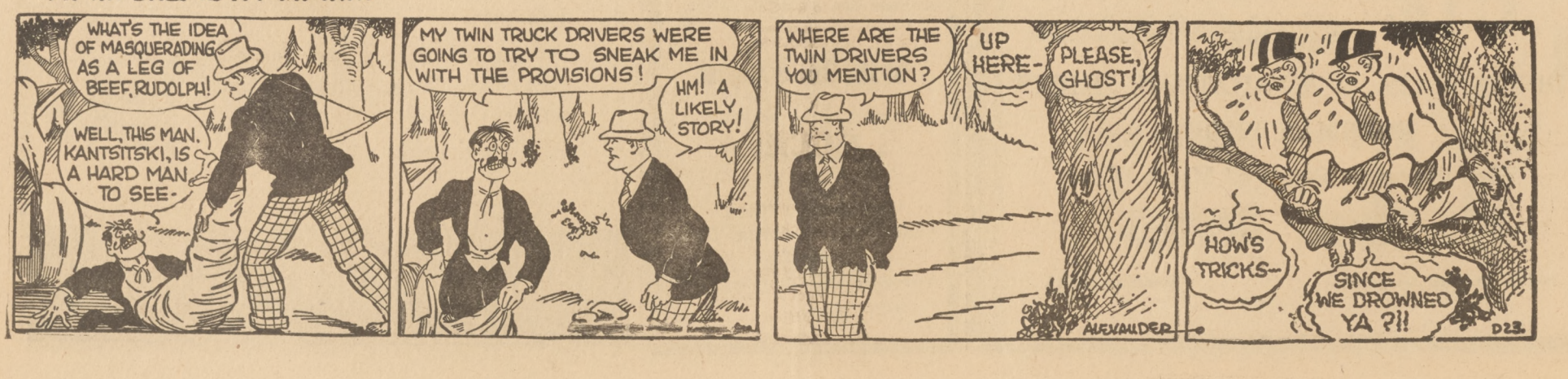
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Church Corner

By Edythe Fraetis

Our Sunday School attendance was twenty-three this week. The Bible Study Group will meet at the John L. Duncan home Wednesday evening at 7 with Mrs. Duncan leading.

The pastor, Dr. D. C. Williams, read the fifteenth chapter of St. John for his scripture lesson basing his message on the Master's statement, "I am the true vine."

As we find the same life in the trunk, branches and leaves of the vine, so Jesus is the sustaining power in the Christian kingdom. The tragedy is that in the church today Christ has been taken out of the organization so it is devoid of the power it should have. The Christians are the branches of the vine and there should be perfect unity between them. The world would then recognize them as images of the divine and there would be no more wars.

As over-bearing injures the life of a vine it is pruned by the husbandman, so is the life of a Christian pruned that he may bear better fruit. Neglect of unity with the Christ life by church or Christians causes them to wither and die.

On the world's largest grape vine the fruit becomes sweeter year by year. Christians can likewise become sweeter and sweeter in the service of the King if they abide in the True Vine.

Planting Deciduous Fruit Trees

Are you planning to plant plums, peaches, apricots or other deciduous fruit trees this year? The earliest peaches are already starting to bloom and all the other trees are showing signs of spring growth. Immediate planting will be necessary for the best results. A delay as much as two weeks in planting your orchard or yard trees, will be serious if the weather remains warm.

Best results are obtained from deciduous trees, says Andrew A. McCornack of the Agricultural Extension Service, if the trees are planted while completely dormant.

Most deciduous fruits require an exact amount of cold weather during the winter season. If they do not get enough cold weather, they will not leaf out until late in the season. Following a cold winter such as we have just experienced, all of the trees have received sufficient cold weather so that any warm weather will cause them to start growth. This factor makes it more necessary to plant new trees earlier during a cold winter.

School Notes

On Monday, February 28, a special noon-day treat was enjoyed by the school children. In their study of Earl California life they had become interested in the foods eaten by the people. So a committee was formed, headed by Dorothy Duval, and assisted by Annalee Beard and Ramona Jones. These girls went to Mrs. Millie Papendick's home at her invitation and helped prepare tortillas in the best traditions of Early California cookery So tortillas were a hot and welcome addition to the usual cold lunches. Mrs. Papendick's cooperation and interest were appreciated by all.

Two other committees are working on special reports in their Social Studies. These are: Transportation, with the making of a carreta or cart, as a special project; and clothing, with the collecting and making of costumes that the children may use in "playing" they are Early Californians. Damon Wheeler's Transportation committee consists of Bill Brown, James Lafferty and Gary Hoover. Becky Bryant is the chairman of the Clothing committee, and is being helped by Shirley Hoover, Sandra Van Tassel, Joan Papendick, Nancy Marble and Virginia Bauer.

Tuesday afternoon, March 1, marks the date set aside by the County Health Office for the doctor's visit to the Joshua Tree School.

Scout District Drive

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Wed., Feb. 23	75	36	55½
Thurs., Feb. 24	60	38	49
Fri., Feb. 25	66	32	49
Sat., Feb. 26	66	34	50

New Contractor In Yucca Valley

A. B. Cochran, licensed building contractor, formerly of Monterey Park and Wilmar, his wife and 6 year old son "Mickey" arrived Thursday of last week in the Yucca Village. They plan to erect a home here and start in business, but at present are living in their trailer at the Mt'n. Breeze Trailer Park.

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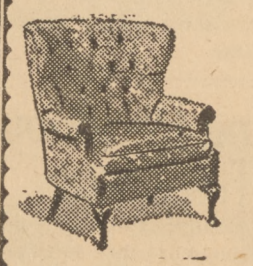

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